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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER

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1. SECRETARY'S MARCH 10-11 VISIT CONTINUED TO GET MAJOR PLAY IN TURKISH PRESS MARCH 12 WITH HEAVY COVERAGE GIVEN TO HIS MEETINGS WITH FONMIN ESENBEL, PRESIDENT KORUTURK, JUSTICE PARTY CHAIRMAN DEMIREL AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS, AND HIS VISIT TO THE ATATURK MAUSOLEUM. PRESS ALSO FEATURED MARCH 11 PRESS CONFERENCE BY FONMIN ESENBEL (ANKARA 1992).

2. EXAMPLES OF HEADLINES: A. "U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE SUGGESTED IMMEDIATE START OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS. - 'THE AID WILL BE RESUMED' SAID KISSINGER." (HURRIYET)

B. "WE SAID 'NO' TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, WHO ASKED FOR CONCESSIONS WITH RESPECT TO LAND. KISSINGER RETURNS

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'EMPTY HANDED' FROM TURKEY. (GUNAYDIN)

C. "THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE TALKED WITH POLITICAL LEADERS.
'PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS' SAID KISSINGER.
(MILLIYET)

D. "THE VISIT LED TO SOME PROTESTS - NO POSITIVE RESULT FROM
KISSINGER'S VISIT" (CUMHURIYET)

E. "MOSTLY THE AID ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED WITH KISSINGER."
(TERCUMAN)

3. MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY GUNAYDIN, BASED ON AN ANKA AGENCY
DISPATCH, ALLEGED THAT IN HIS CONTACTS HERE THE SECRETARY HAD
DEMANDED IN CATEGORIC TERMS "TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS" ON
THE CYPRUS QUESTION, BUT THIS WAS REJECTED CATEGORICALLY AND
HE LEFT "EMPTY HANDED" WITHOUT GETTING ANY CONCESSIONS FROM
TURKEY. KISSINGER, THE ANKA ACCOUNT CONTINUED, WAS THE FIRST
FOREIGN MINISTER TO SEE THE CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF
(TGS), WHICH UNNAMED "POLITICAL OBSERVERS" REGARDED AS A
"DANGER SIGN" FOR TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, THE REPORT
SAID KISSINGER WAS TOLD IN HIS TALKS AT TGS WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY
SAID TO GENERAL HAIG: "TURKEY WILL REVISE THE JOINT DEFENSE
INSTALLATIONS WITHIN HER NATIONAL DEFENSE POLICY."

4. EXAMPLES OF EDITORIAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF HTE
SECRETARY'S VISIT: A. YASAR AYSEV (BARIS): THE SECRETARY'S
VIEWS ON CYPRUS "CAN GO NO FURTHER THAN BEING THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF A STATESMAN OF A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT." THE MOST IMPORTANT
ASPECT OF THE VISIT WAS THE DISCUSSION OF THE "...UNILATERAL AND
ILLOGICAL" MILITARY AID CUTOFF BY THE CONGRESS. IF THE VISIT
PREVENTED THE RIFT IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS FROM GROWING WIDER,
THE VISIT COULD BE TERMED "SUCCESSFUL."

B. UMIT GURTUNA (CUMHURIYET): TURKEY SHOULD "ACCEPT WITH
RESERVATIONS" THE ASSURANCES REGARDING THE RESUMPTION OF
MILITARY AID, KISSINGER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TRY TO APPEASE
TURKEY AND INCREASE HIS EFFORTS TO CONVINCE CONGRESS.

C. ALI SIRMEN (ALSO CUMHURIYET): THE VISIT MIGHT PREVENT TENSE
ISSUES FROM BECOMING EVEN GRAVER, BUT IT WOULD BE AN ILLUSION
TO EXPECT ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OR "GREAT DETENTE" AS A
RESULT OF THE VISIT.

D. NECATI ZINCIRKIRAN (GUNAYDIN): IT APPEARS KISSINGER CAME
TO ANKARA IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE TURKEY TO ACCEPT A "CANTONAL"
SYSTEM IN CYPRUS, AS URGED IN THE WORLD PRESS. THE CYPRUS
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ISSUE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONFUSED WITH THE QUESTION OF U.S.
MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND "...KISSINGER LEFT ANKARA UNDERSTANDING
THIS POINT..."
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